accepted by the Government, and he further stated that he hoped that the unanimous recommendation made on that occasion for extending the scope and expanding the capacity for usefulness of the Council would also, before long, be found possible of acceptance.

The Secretary then reported that Mr. N. Subrahmanya Iyer M. A., Dewan Peishkar, Padmanabhapuram Division, and Mr. P. Kuruvila Varkki, Ag. Director of Registration, were appointed official Members, that Mr. S. Padmanabha Iyer M. A., having vacated his seat in the Council by retirement from service, Mr. R. Mahadeva Iyer B. A., Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, on special duty, was appointed official Member in his place, and that Messrs. K. G. Sesha Iyer B. A. & B. L., and C. P. Thomas B. A. & L. T., were appointed non-official Members, the five new Members taking their seats in Council that day.

The Secretary further reported that the following petitions had been received regarding the Christian Intestate Succession Bill :—

1. Petition dated 23-9-1088, from Mathan Kathanar and others of the Karthigapally taluk.
2. Do. dated 13-9-'88, from Joseph Kathanar and others of the Horeb Church at Puthuppally.
3. Do. dated 11-10-'83, from Koshi Kochu Koshi and others of Kaipattur Church Congregation.
4. Do. from Joseph Kathanar, Vicar of Boenergese Bethel Church and others of Manganam.
5. Do. from the Vicar of the Nazareth Church and others of Puthuppally.
6. Do. from the Vicar of St. Peter's Church and others of Manganam.
7. Do. dated 15-10-'88 from Elanjikal Thariyathu Kunju Thomman, Member of the S. M. P. Assembly from the Moovattupuzha taluk, and others.
8. Do. dated 14-10-'88 from the Vicar of Thengeli Church and others of Thiruvalla.
9. Do. dated 16-10-'88 from the Vicar of Kallisseri Church and others of Chengannur.
10. Do. dated 15-10-'88, from the Vicar of Umayathukara Church and others of Chengannur.
11. Do. dated 15-10-'88, from the Vicar of Iruveli Church and others of Thiruvalla.
12. Telegram dated 2-6-1913, from the Chairman of a public meeting of the Christians representing Chengannur, Puthenkavu and Kallisseri.

The Secretary stated that several other petitions had also been received, but had to be rejected, since they were found to be not in conformity with Rule 55 of the Legislative Council Rules.

Mr. C. P. Thomas next thanked His Highness' Government for appointing him a Member of the Legislative Council. He also expressed his thanks on behalf of the Christian Association, whose representations at the Assembly in the matter of the appointment of Christian Members to the Council had received the kind consideration of the Government.

THE NANJANAD VELLALA BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer applied for leave to introduce a Bill relating to certain customs of the Nanjanad Vellalas. He said that a Committee had been appointed to investigate and report on certain customs of the Nanjanad Vellalas. Of the five points which had been referred to the Committee, legislation was recommended only in respect of two, *viz.*, divorce and the rights of Ukanthudama and Nankudama ; and the proposed law only contemplated to define those rights and the modes of divorce.

Permission was granted accordingly.

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